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Academy of Foreign Affairs Is Proposed

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A presidential advisory panel yesterday recommended the establishment of a National Academy of Foreign Affairs. President Kennedy promptly endorsed the idea.

The panel is headed by James A. Perkins, vice president of the Carnegie Corp. of New York.

It said a new institution should be formed to provide leadership for the training, education and research needs of this country's foreign operations.

Mr. Kennedy said he shared the panel's belief that training and educational programs have not kept pace with the profound changes that have taken place in the conduct of foreign affairs.

Mr. Kennedy said he would recommend legislation to the next session of Congress to carry out the recommendation for a National Academy of Foreign Affairs. He asked Secretary of State Dean Rusk to take the lead in formulating the legislation.

The panel recommended that the academy be situated in the Washington area, with the Secretary of State as chairman of a governing board of regents. The board also would include four other Government officials, as well as public members. There would be a full-time chancellor.

Students would be selected from personnel of the Departments of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, and of the Central Intelligence Agency, Agency for International Development, U. S. Information Agency and other agencies involved in the conduct of foreign affairs.

The panel, in addition to Perkins, included Col. George A. Lincoln, professor of social sciences, U. S. Military Academy; John W. Masland, provost, Dartmouth College; Max F. Millikan, director, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Don K. Price, dean, Graduate School of Public Administration, Harvard University.

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